

**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
CERTIFICATION STANDARDS FOR GIFTED EDUCATION (GRADES K-12)**

I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- A.** A valid Missouri permanent or professional certificate of license;
- B.** Two (2) years of classroom teaching experience; and
- C.** Psychology and/or Education of the Exceptional Child (including the Gifted);* and

II. PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS (Minimum requirement of fifteen (15) semester hours):

- A.** A minimum of nine (9) semester hours selected from five (5) basic fields of knowledge:
 - 1.** A Survey of Gifted and Talented Education;
 - 2.** Programming Planning and Development: An Understanding of Administration and Supervision of Gifted Programs;
 - 3.** Screening, Assessing, and Evaluating Gifted Students;
 - 4.** Curriculum and Instruction for the Gifted; and
 - 5.** Meeting the Affective Needs of Gifted Students;
- B.** A minimum of one (1) graduate course in research procedures; and
- C.** A three (3) semester hour practicum beyond the courses required for elementary and secondary certification, involving college or university supervised instruction of gifted students.

**Denotes minimum requirement of two (2) semester hours.*